

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-26 and 28 without prejudice.

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Please amend claim 27 as follows:

27. (amended) An antibody that specifically binds to a protein comprising [a sequence of amino acid residues that is at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO:2 from Ile, residue 111, through Asn, residue 373] residues 111 through 373 of SEQ ID NO:2, residues 111 through 373 of SEQ ID NO:15, or residues 111 through 364 of SEQ ID NO:18, wherein said protein is a protease or protease precursor.

Please add the following new claims:

--29. The antibody of claim 27 wherein the protein comprises residues 1 through 373 of SEQ ID NO:2.

30. The antibody of claim 27 wherein the protein comprises residues 1 through 373 of SEQ ID NO:15.

31. The antibody of claim 27 wherein the protein comprises residues 1 through 364 of SEQ ID NO:18.

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REMARKS

Claims 27 and 29-31 are now in this application. Claim 27 has been amended and claims 29-31 have been added to recite certain embodiments of Applicant's invention. No new matter has been added.

The specification has been amended to update the Cross-Reference to Related Applications and to correct an obvious typographical error.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 442-6673.